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January 24, 1991

Mr. Michael Gibson Director of Environmental Affairs Kennecott Corporation P. O. Box 11248 Salt Lake City, Utah 84147

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Re: Bingham Creek Disturbance, Bingham Pit, M/035/002, Salt Lake County, Utah

In November of 1990 Kennecott Corporation or Kennecott Utah Copper, was involved in surface disturbing activities involving a portion of Bingham Creek, allegedly on Kennecott property. A call was made from this office to Kennecott's Bingham Pit mine, inquiring as to the disposition of the disturbance. The Division was informed, that this activity was being handled by Kennecott Corporation.

The Division contacted your office on December 3, 1990, and spoke with you about the matter. Our inquiry concerned this potentially being considered as a mining-related activity. You informed us that some sampling and clean-up work which had been performed along the creek related to a pre-law mining disturbance.

You indicated that you would get back to us concerning our question about a mining-related activity, after consulting with Kennecott's legal counsel. You were contacted again on December 18, 1990 by Holland Shepherd of the Minerals staff concerning this question. At that time, you indicated that Kennecott was still reviewing the question.

The Division hereby requests a formalized response from Kennecott, concerning the activity along Bingham Creek, which would help the Division to either categorically quality or disqualify it as a mining-related activity. Please provide a written response to the request by February 11, 1991. Page 2 Michael Gibson Kennecott Corp. M/035/002 January 24, 1991

Please contact myself or Mr. Holland Shepherd of my staff if you have any questions concerning the content of this letter.

Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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